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**Via Electronic Filing**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Procurement Documents for the Local Number Portability (LNP) Administration  
Contract, WC Docket No. 09-109, 07-149 and CC Docket No. 95-116**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The undersigned organizations support the procurement documents for local number portability administrator ("LNPA"), on which the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") has sought comment in the Public Notice issued on August 13, 2012. These documents, which were submitted for Commission approval by the North American Numbering Council ("NANC"), include a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for local number portability ("LNP") database platforms and services in the United States, a

Technical Requirements Document (“TRD”), and Vendor Qualification Survey (collectively referred to hereinafter as “procurement documents”).

As the Commission is aware, the procurement documents were developed by the North American Portability Management LLC’s Future of Number Portability Administration Center Subcommittee (“FoNPAC”) with input and oversight from the NANC Selection Working Group (“SWG”). Both the FoNPAC and SWG are comprised of industry representatives with particular expertise regarding numbering administration and portability; and, operate under the direction of the NANC and in accordance with its consensus principles. The combined efforts and expertise of these technical and advisory subcommittees are essential to the overall process for awarding contracts for the administration of the Number Portability Administration Center’s Service Management System (“NPAC/SMS”) and will help ensure that the LNPA systems and processes continue to operate in a manner that is trusted, neutral and reliable. Each subcommittee separately adopted the procurement documents after extensive discussion and approval via the established NANC consensus process, indicating wide industry support.

The Commission’s prompt approval and issuance of the procurement documents – without alteration – will advance on-going efforts to meet the requisite timelines under the current LNPA contracts. More importantly, prompt action will help ensure that the administration and operation of the NPAC/SMS will effectively support the needs of the telecommunications industry and consumers, now and in the future. Therefore, the undersigned respectfully request that the Commission promptly issue the procurement documents as written and submitted by the NANC.

Sincerely,

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